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GKG SPECIAL: THE UMBRELLA MAN

Welcome 1980's!! We thought you'd never get here. In just a few years, the big thing will undoubtedly be 1970's nostalgia, with tv shows and t-shirts and all. We certainly hope you'll turn your backs on all that crap. There's really not much of the 70's that's worth remembering. Maybe the next decade will see the end of the mellowness and squeaky narcissism that were the trademarks of the "me generation". Probably not, but isn't that a nice thought to greet the new decade? We have nothing to look forward to but the future....

You've got to admire British author Michael Eddowes' tenacity. In fact, that's about all there is to admire about the guy. Two characteristics that come instantly to mind when his name comes up are bullheadedness and poor scholarship. In the iron grip of his preconceived notion -- that the mean, nasty old Soviets had JFK assassinated -- a notion seemingly born of a sort of Ian Flemingish obsession with Russian spy games, all his reseach becomes colored by his prejudices. Eddowes has apparently never once questioned his assumption that his "Oswald" was the assassin, can't see the pattern of frameup. More importantly, he evidently never has confronted the question of why the Russians would want to risk a nuclear conflagration by killing the U.S. President and putting a man like Lyndon Johnson in the White House. Granted, there could conceivably be answers to these questions, but Eddowes does not seem to have ever asked them. That said, we must admit that we suspect that old Eddowes may be right when he says that the man that Ruby shot was not the same as the Oswald who was raised in New Orleans (among other places) and went to Russia. In fact, the man Ruby murdered just might have been a Russian agent, but we are sure that he was nonetheless a patsy -- and what a patsy! Although with Eddowes, it looks like a case of "right string baby, but the wrong yo-yo" we nonetheless support his efforts to exhume the body in Fort Worth, so we can settle this disturbing question. Even a fool can be right.

This issue of GKG could not have been possible without the pioneer research of these people: R.B. Cutler, the ivory-towered architect from Beverly, Mass.; Jack White of Fort Worth, Texas; Richard E. Sprague of Hartsdale, N.Y.; J. David Truby of Indiana, Pa.; and George Michael Evica of West Hartford, Conn., as well as many others too numerous to mention here. Thanks also to Lynne Beth for the technical assistance at this end. -- THE EDITOR

GORDON NOVEL: A CHRONOLOGY compiled by R.B. Cutler

1938: 2/7 : Born in Texas; father allegedly bandleader Billy Rose ("The Stripper"); mother was lead chorus girl

1959: 6/12 : Arrested in New Orleans with R.C. Ehlinger for automobile theft, resulting in mugshot (see centerfold insert)

(?) : Recruited by CIA
Connection with Double-Chek, Miami
Anti-Castro Caribbean duty

1960: fall : Worked in Evergreen Ad Agency, a CIA front writing Xmas tree commercials which were said to be coded CIA messages

1961: spring: Robbed Schlumberger ammo bunker with David Ferrie, Layton Martens, Sergio Arcacha Smith and Clay Shaw (?), CIA raid for Bay of Pigs material; ammo transferred to Novel's apartment and Guy Banister's office for pickup; first mention of flechettes

1963: (?) Met father for first time
(?) Met Clay Shaw negotiating for restaurant concession, top floor new Trade Mart Building
9/? : Attacked and knocked unconscious by five men in downtown New Orleans parking lot (see Flammonde p. 97 - his source is newspapers); this could be important as it is but two months before TUM's appearance

10 & 11: In Dallas, Fort Worth and Mexico City (?)
11/22 : TUM in Dealey Plaza wounded JFK with flechette

1964: 1/? : Married Marlene Mancuso; promoting Louisiana's Bourbon St. Pavillion at New York World's Fair
6/? : Separated from wife

1965: 7 : Reconciliation with wife/ 9 final break

1966: (?) : President, Electronics Systems International Corp., manufacturer of surveillance equipment
(?) : Co-owner of Jamaica Village Inn, 800 Ramparts St., New Orleans

1967: 1/? : Drafted Weiss letter
2 : On NBC's payroll according to Walter Sheridan
2/21 : Introduced by Willard Robertson to Jim Garrison, who hired him to take care of anti-surveillance of the DA's office and home; assisted in Garrison's investigation, suggesting tranquillizing Ferrie with a dart (flechette)
3/16 : Appeared and testified before grand jury
3/19 : Sold Jamaica Village Inn interest and vacated apartment; took lie-detector test in McLean, Va., en route to Columbus, Ohio, where he successfully fought extradition by Garrison

4/20 : Weiss letter appeared in print
5/22 : Shot at in Nashville; Garrison cries "Hoax!"
5/24 : Filed suit for $10 million against Garrison
7/5 : Extradition and suit dropped simultaneously

1968: 2/20 : Garrison subpoenaed Novel under Uniform Witness Act; Ohio judge ordered compliance, but was overruled on appeal

1972: 6/2 : Penn Jones reports Novel in Dallas promoting Expo '76

1975: 3/3 : Gary Shaw interviews Novel at home, 3170 Royal Lane, Dallas; working for Williams Aircraft, Love Field
7/9 : Anson interview in Dallas; story told of suggestion to secretly release Nixon Watergate tapes by laser (!) (?)
7/? : Returned to New Orleans with wife Abbey and two children; residence 1718 Lakeshore Drive

1976: 2/21 : Arrested on charge of plotting to bomb five New Orleans buildings; 'director' in office of John Langford, 1001 Howard Avenue
6/8 : Arrested on warrant for conspiracy to commit aggravated arson; (?) -- asked Jim Garrison to represent him as counsel

1977: 7/6 : Cutler talks with Novel in the office of his new attorney, Reed W. Kennedy, 6666 Powers Ferry Rd., Atlanta; claimed to be developing a tract of land outside Atlanta, and working on a book, The Politics of Conspiracy; now living in Powder Springs, Georgia
12/? : Now living in Dallas, Georgia; told Mary Ferrell that on November 22, 1963, he was with his wife in New Orleans (!!); also told her that about June or July 'they' tried to kidnap him, and later 'they' broke into his home. He called the police, and while chasing the breaker-inners, the police arrested him for carrying a pistol (he was a convicted felon); jailed in Fulton County Jail, Atlanta

1978: 4/6 : Attorney Reed Kennedy tells Cutler his client has been transferred to a Federal Correctional Institution in Butner, N.C.; this is confirmed by a telephone call to the Butner Facility
4/? : Source in Durham, N.C. tells GKG of rumors of "heavy behavior-modification" practices at Butner

1979: 9/7 : Novel wittingly and willingly tapes answers to questionnaire for psychological stress evaluation

11/5 : Cutler, Sprague, Evica, etc. release results of PSE exam and identification of TUM = Novel to press; press mum

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

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Bizarre Rome Case Ends With Man Pleading Guilty

By BETSY NEAL
Journal-Constitution Correspondent

ROME, Ga. — The bizarre case of self-professed counter-intelligence expert Gordon Dwane Novel ended in U.S. District Court when the defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of illegally possessing firearms.

Testimony in numerous pretrial hearings concerning the case touched on everything from President Kennedy's assassination and Watergate to "inhumane conditions" of the Rome city jail.

The Novel case began earlier this year when bounty hunters Stanley Rifkin and Justo Gonzales arrived in Dallas, Ga., to return Novel to Louisiana, where he faces charges of conspiring to firebomb buildings in the New Orleans business district. Novel had jumped a $40,000 bond in Louisiana following a mistrial in the firebombing case. He was scheduled to stand trial a second time in Louisiana last January before he fled to Georgia.

Novel was living in a house on High Shoals Road in Paulding County when Rifkin and Gonzales learned of his whereabouts. (Rifkin and his successful man-hunting adventures were recently featured in a People magazine article, and a movie about his life is planned.) He was scheduled to testify for the prosecution before Novel pleaded guilty Thursday.

The bounty hunters assumed a false identity and paid an afternoon visit to the High Shoals residence to confirm Novel's presence. They returned at 2 a.m. the next day along with Paulding County Deputy Sheriff Don Sosbee. The bounty hunters lured Novel out of the house and immediately handcuffed him, steering him toward their car.

Novel screamed that the two men had come to kidnap and assassinate him and a confused Sosbee placed Novel under protective custody. He then escorted the three men to jail for questioning.

Bounty hunters later notified Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm agents that Novel had been carrying a pistol at the time of his arrest. Federal law prohibits felons from receiving or possessing firearms and Novel had been previously convicted in Nevada on charges of transporting electronic surveillance equipment.

ATF agents searched Novel's house at his wife's consent and found a .410 gauge shotgun pistol and a light shotgun with a folding stock. Novel testified Thursday that he kept the weapons to protect his family from persons who threatened their lives. Government attorneys contend that Novel borrowed the guns to prevent authorities from returning him to Louisiana.

The defendant originally received the guns from Mitchell WerBel III of Marietta, another self-professed counter-intelligence agent who reportedly claims CIA connections.

WerBel and his associate, Larry Cooper, were subpoenaed to testify at Novel's trial. Cooper is a former Powder Springs policeman who recently made headlines when he attempted to fly to West Germany without a passport, allegedly tracking down leads in a Powder Springs investigation.

During pretrial hearings Novel had attempted to persuade Judge Harold Murphy of the U.S. court of the Northern District to subpoena former president Richard Nixon and key Watergate figures to testify at his trial, saying he was working for the Nixon White House when he was arrested on the charge of transporting electronic surveillance equipment. Murphy said Nixon and Watergate have nothing to do with a gun trial and refused the subpoena request.

Novel's 1976 firebombing trial ended in a hung jury, after Novel testified that he feared the government's star witness, ATF agent LLoyd Grafton, was actually a CIA plant attempting to "destabilize" the mysterious "morning star" project Novel claimed to be involved with. (The project allegedly involved an ocean-going munitions plant showroom plan that was never realized.)

Novel also reportedly said during the trial that he was being considered as a future CIA director.

Grafton had gone undercover and allegedly approached Novel as a "hit man" offering to help in a New Orleans arson plot. The agent submitted taped conversations between himself and Novel at the New Orleans trial, with the two men discussing in detail ways to burn the Federation of Churches building on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans.

Novel countered during the trial, however, that he only discussed the firebombing with Grafton in order to discover "the subversives' " real mission by "stringing him along."

Former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison was one of Novel's defense attorneys in the New Orleans trial. In his book about the Kennedy assassination Garrison devoted an entire chapter to Novel and information the defendant allegedly turned up in a private investigation into the killing.

The illegal gun possession charges against Novel did not reach a jury trial in the Rome federal court, however. Before the jury was chosen, Novel pleaded guilty to two of the six charges against him. In return, the government attorneys dropped the remaining four counts.

An Atlanta psychiatrist examined Novel last week and declared him sane and competent to stand trial. Novel can receive a maximum of 10 years in prison and/or a $10,000 fine in connection with the charges, according to Assistant District Attorney Jim Baker, who prosecuted the case. Novel will be sentenced Nov. 21.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS EVALUATOR EXAMINATION CONDUCTED ON GORDON NOVEL, ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1979.

1. Your name is Gordon Novel?
   Yes - no deception

2. Your full name is Gordon Dwayne Novel?
   A. Yes - no deception

3. Is Dwayne your Mother's maiden name?
   A. No - no deception

4. You were born 7 February, 1939?
   A. No - no deception

5. You have known Willard Robertson since about 1959 or 61?
   A. Yes - no deception

6. Did he introduce you to Jim Garrison as an electronics "expert"?
   A. Yes - no deception

7. Did he introduce you to Jim on 21 February, 1967?
   A. I don't know - deception indicated

8. Was Clay Shaw a director of Permindex?
   A. I don't know - no deception indicated

9. Was Clay Shaw a director of Evergreen?
   A. No - deception indicated

10. Did Rembrandt paint a picture called "Blue Boy"?
    A. I think so - no deception indicated

11. Was E Howard Hunt a JFK conspiracy planner?
    A. Not to my knowledge - no deception

12. Was your September 1965 beating by four or five men in a New Orleans parking lot related even remotely to conspiracy JFK?
    A. No - No deception

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13. Did you travel to Mexico City in August, September or October, 1963?
    A. No - no deception

14. Did you have lunch in New York City, 22 November 1963?
    A. Yes - no deception

15. Was Allen Dulles a JFK conspiracy planner?
    A. I think so - no deception

16. Have you ever been for a ride on a San Francisco cable car?
    A. Yes, in 1970 - no deception

17. Did David Ferrie die before midnight 21 February 1967?
    A. I do not know - no deception

18. Did you suggest to Jim the use of atropine tranquillizing darts to elicit the truth from Ferrie?
    A. Yes - no deception

19. Did your nomination as Director CIA ever get to Ford's desk?
    A. I don't know - no deception

20. Did you expect Lionel Corp. to furnish the atropine darts?
    A. No - no deception

21. Is Billy Rose your father?
    A. To the best of my knowledge - no deception

22. Did you have dinner in New Orleans the evening of November 22, 1963?
    A. No - no deception

23. Did you actually participate in any offshore raids against Cuba?
    A. No - deception indicated

24. Was Bill Eden present at your marriage to Marlene?
    A. No - no deception

25. At age 25, you had lost almost 20 pounds in the previous 3 or 4 years?
    A. No - no deception

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26. Have you out grown the asthma that kept you out in the service?
    A. Yes - no deception

27. Was Richard Helms a JFK Conspiracy planner?
    A. I think so - no deception

28. Did you sell the Llama with which you held Marlene at gun-point?
    A. No - no deception

29. Were you in New Orleans Sunday 24 November 1963?
    A. I think so - no deception

30. Were you in New York City, Saturday November 23, 1963?
    A. I believe I was - no deception

31. Have you ever been a hospital orderly?
    A. No - no deception

32. Have you ever been in Plattsburg, New York?
    A. No to my knowledge - no deception

33. Have you ever been to Jamaica?
    A. No - no deception

34. Have you ever visited the Tryall Club?
    A. No - no deception

35. In your anti-gravity studies, did you ever discover that c2 equals E divided by m?
    A. No - no deception

36. Did you have a drag strip in Hammond, LA.?
    A. Yes - no deception

37. Did Ferrie ever talk to you about diversionary fire?
    A. No - no deception

38. Was Alexander your code name in Jim's office?
    A. I believe it was - no deception

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39. Are you currently trying to expose both Conspiracy and Coverup cars on the same banned train?
    A. Yes - no deception

40. Did you visit Ferrie's apartment August/September 1963?
    A. No - no deception

41. Was an attempt made on your life in Nashville Tenn. in 1967?
    A. No - no deception

42. Have you ever been to No Name Key, Florida?
    A. No - no deception

43. Is it fair to say that about June 1961, you were recruited out of CIA into DIA?
    A. No - no deception

44. Did you know Larry Crafard?
    A. No - no deception

45. Do you know Bill Wood also Bill Boxley?
    A. Only for Mary Farrell - no deception

46. Do you know Guy Gebaldin?
    A. No - no deception

47. Do you know Harry Dean?
    A. No - deception indicated

48. Do you know George deMorenschildt?
    A. No - no deception

49. Marina Oswald?
    A. No - no deception

50. David Ferrie?
    A. Yes - no deception

51. Jack Ruby?
    A. No - no deception

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52. George Lardner, Jr.?
    A. No - no deception

53. Lee Harvey Oswald?
    A. No - no deception

54. Guy Bannister?
    A. Yes - no deception

55. Monk Belden?
    A. Yes - no deception

56. Clay Shaw?
    A. Yes - no deception

57. Dean Andrews ?
    A. Yes - no deception

58. Sandra Moffitt?
    A. No - no deception

59. P. Irving Phelps?
    A. No - no deception

60. Carlos Bringuiere?
    A. I think so - deception indicated

61. Tommie True?
    A. No - no deception

62. Carlos Quiroga?
    A. No - no deception

63. Billy Seymour?
    A. No - deception indicated

64. Seymour Weiss?
    A. No - deception indicated

65. Layton Martens?
    A. Yes - no deception

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66. L. M. Bloomfield?
    A. No - no deception

67. Jean Gemuil?
    A. No - no deception

68. Eduardo Perez?
    A. No - no deception

69. Michael Victor Mertz?
    A. No - no deception

70. Charles "Dutz" Murret?
    A. No - no deception

71. Jim Hicks?
    A. No - deception indicated

72. Emilio Santana?
    A. No - no deception

73. Fred Lee Chrisman aka Fred Lee?
    A. No - deception indicated

74. Jada Conforto?
    A. No - no deception

75. Melvin Coffey?
    A. I don't know the name only as a name out of the investigation. I may have met him in relations to the investigation when I was working with Jim, but I do not know that for a fact. The name rings a bell, but I cannot place it. no deception

76. Alvin Beauboeuf?
    A. I may have talk to him after the investigation began - no deception

77. Mo Dalitz?
    A. No - no deception

78. Jim McFord?
    A. I think so. I met him in Maryland in 1968 - no deception

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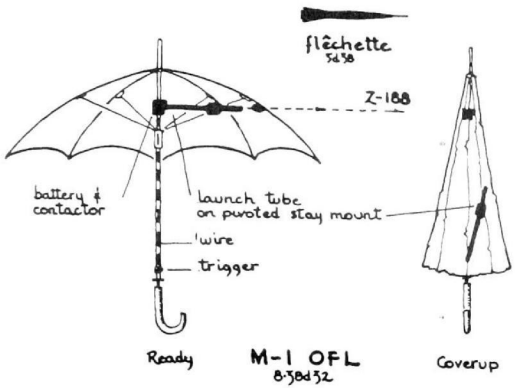
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN A POLICE SHOOTING?
ARE YOU LYING, AGAIN?
DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION WHICH HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED?
NO STRESS
NO STRESS - DECEPTION INDICATED



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Senator Mondale. Mr. Senseney, what do you do now? Where do you work?

Mr. Senseney: I work for the Department of Defense. I am now with Edgewood Arsenal, Director of Engineering Development. Biological Protection Branch. I am currently on temporary duty in England, in a collaborative effort with the United Kingdom.

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Senator Baker. Your principle job with the DOD, I take it, was to develop new or exotic devices and weapons; is that correct?

Mr. Senseney. I was a project engineer for the E01, which was type-classified and became the M-1. They were done for the Army.

Senator Baker. Were you an Army employee?

Mr. Senseney. I am an Army employee. I still am.

Senator Baker. But in the course of your employment by the Army, you made your work product and developments available to the CIA, to the FBI, and to anyone else.

Mr. Senseney. I think the only other ones that possibly looked at the display was U.S. Customs . . . . .

Senator Baker. Did you have any other customers?

Mr. Senseney. To my knowledge our only customer was Special Forces and the CIA, I guess.

. . . . . .

Senator Baker. Looking at your previous executive session testimony, apparently you developed for them a fountain pen. What did the fountain pen do?

Mr. Senseney. The fountain pen was a variation of an M-1, An M-1 in itself was a system and it could be fired from anything. It could be put into -----

Senator Baker. Could it fire a dart or an aerosol?

Mr. Senseney. It was a dart . . . . .

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Senator Baker. OK, what about a cane, a walking cane?

Mr. Senseney. Yes: An M-1 projectile could be fired from a cane, also an umbrella.

Senator Baker. Also an umbrella. What about a straight pin?

Mr. Senseney. Straight pin?

Senator Baker. Yes sir.

Mr. Senseney. We made a straight pin, out at the Branch. I did not make it, but I know it was made and it was used by one Mr. Powers on his U-2 mission . . . . .

79. Chuck Colson?
A. Yes - no deception

80. Lulu Martin?
A. No - deception indicated

81. Warren DeBruyes?
A. No - no deception

82. David L. Lewis?
A. No - no deception

83. Richard Case Nagell?
A. No - no deception

84. Michael Paine?
A. No - deception indicated

85. Tom Beckham?
A. No - deception indicated

86. Perry Russo?
A. Only after the investigation began - no deception

87. Jack Lawrence?
A. No - no deception

88. William Sullivan?
A. No - deception indicated

89. Carlos Marcello?
A. Yes - no deception

90. Gary Patrick Hemming?
A. No - no deception

91. L. J. McMillie?
A. No - no deception

92. Paul Gregory?
A. No - deception indicated

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93. William Caldwell?
A. No - no deception

94. Maurice Bishop?
A. No - deception indicated

95. Jim Braden aka Jim Brading?
A. No - deception indicated

96. Mary Bopa?
A. No - no deception

97. Did you know that Carlos Marcello owned the Sho Bar in 1963?
A. No - deception indicated

98. Did you meet Jack Ruby in the Sho Bar in June 1963?
A. No - no never met Jack Ruby - no deception

99. Did you see or meet Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans about Sept. 18, 1959?
A. No - deception indicated

100. Did you meet or see Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans during August or September 1963?
A. No - deception indicated

101. Did you know anyone impersonating Lee Harvey Oswald?
A. No - deception indicated

102. Did you know anyone calling himself Leon Oswald?
A. No - no deception

103. Did you ever impersonate Lee Harvey Oswald?
A. No - no deception

104. Did you ever know anyone impersonating Marina Oswald?
A. No - deception indicated

105. Do you know Maurice Bishop's real name?
A. No - deception indicated

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106. Don't you agree that your "Mr. Weiss" letter was effective in creating exactly the havoc in Jims office you hoped it would.
A. No - no deception

107. Do you know who squirreled that letter under the linoleum?
A. Yes - no deception

108. Do you think a congenital liar can beat the P.S.E.?
A. No - deception indicated

109. Did you actually take a lie detector test after your grand jury appearance in 1967?
A. Yes - no deception

110. Did you create the happenstance that as Jim Needed a bugging expert Willard came up with your name?
A. No - deception indicated

111. Was J. Edgar Hoover a JFK Conspiracy planner?
A. I do not know. - no deception

112. Do you know that you were seen in the Carousel Club about November 15, 1963?
A. No - deception indicated

113. Have you ever flown out of Red Bird Airport Dallas?
A. In 1971 yes - deception indicated

114. Do you know if Clay Shaw's fees were paid by the DIA?
A. No - deception indicated

115. Do you think the buffs only play parlor games?
A. Yes and no - deception indicated

116. Did you think you would be photographed in Dealey Plaza?
A. No - no deception

117. Did you know Sheridan was DIA in 1967?
A. No - no deception

118. Does the address 3990 E. Broad St. Columbus Ohio sound familiar?
A. Yes - no deception

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119. Do you think this chart is 90% 75% 50% 25% correct?
A. It is about 10% correct - no deception

120. Did you help design the elegantly simple firing mechanism?
A. No - deception indicated

121. Did anyone coach you in aiming the DFL?
A. No - no deception

122. Did Clay Shaw provide you with the DFL?
A. No - no deception

123. Did you know the flechette's effective range was about 100 meters?
A. No - no deception

124. Did you think of yourself as silly standing with an open umbrella?
A. I was not there - ******

125. Do you agree the zapshot and Bothun blowup match very well?
A. To some degree - no deception

126. Do you remember the brownish tweed jacket you wore?
A. No - deception indicated

127. Do you agree this photographic evidence is strong?
A. Absolutely not - no deception

128. Do you remember being in Dealy Plaza November 22, 1963?
A. No *******

129. Do you remember standing on the grassy knoll?
A. No - no deception

130. Do you remember tracking the President?
A. No - deception indicated

131. Do you remember launching a flechette?
A. No - deception indicated

132. Do you remember lowering the umbrella?
A. No - deception indicated

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133. Do you remember sitting on the grass?
A. No - deception indicated

134. Do you remember seeing the President murdered?
A. Absolutely not, except on T.V. - No deception

135. Do you remember talking to someone sitting next to you?
A. No - deception indicated

136. Do you remember he split down Elm?
A. No - deception indicated

137. Do you remember the motorcade straggling past you down Elm?
A. No - deception indicated

138. Do you remember picking up the DFL?
A. No - deception indicated

139. Do you remember a diversionary shot fired from behind you exactly as Ferrie had mentioned?
A. No - no deception

140. Do you remember seeing two men run towards the pergola to get into the getaway car picked behind it?
A. No - deception indicated

141. Do you remember walking towards Houston Street with the DFL?
A. No - deception indicated

142. Did you return the DFL to someone?
A. No -******

143. Do you know where it is today?
A. No - deception indicated

144. Did you keep the DFL?
A. No - deception indicated

145. Are you the Umbrella Man?
A. Absolutely not - ******

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146. Did you return to New Orleans that night on the 22nd.?
A. No - no deception

147. Do you remember telling Mary that Marlene was with you at the time of the President's assassination?
A. No, I never said that to Mary - no deception

148. Did you drive yourself back to New Orleans from Dallas the 22nd?
A. No - no deception

149. Did someone drive you to Shreveport from Dallas the 22nd?
A. No - no deception

150. Do you agree with Henry Gonsales that the shots sounded like a fusillade?
A. I never heard the shots - no deception

151. Did you arrive in New Orleans on November 23, 1963?
A. I think so from New York - no deception

152. Do you know a lawyer named Copaland, in Southwest Texas, somewhere?
A. No - no deception

153. Did you ever use the pen name William Torbitt?
A. No - no deception

154. Did it ever occur to you that by omitting J. Edgar Hoover from your JFK Conspiracy list, your pointing the finger at the CIA looks very much like good disinformation designed to protect FBI?
A. no - no deception

155. Did it ever occur to you that by pointing the finger at you, 25 years old on 22 November 1963, weighing about 160 pounds, 6'8" tall, firing, lowering and picking up the DFL with you left hand, one small piece of the puzzle falls into place?
A. Oh- absolutely not - no deception.

****** requires second exam for clear answers

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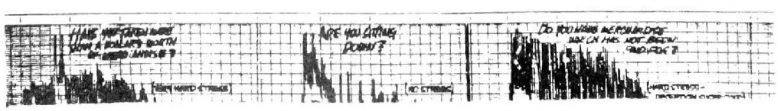

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A. Questions and Answers of a Psychological Stress Evaluator Exam conducted by R K Brondum on a taped interview of Gordon Novel .... this evidence corroborates photographic and physical evidence submitted previously : Gordon Novel is The Umbrella Man in Dealey Plaza who caused the President's Throat Wound early in the shooting
Brondum's "deception indicated" points to :
1) Novel knew many persons who planned and executed the President's assassination ... (he is ready, willing and able to "sing")
2) Novel knew Lee Harvey Oswald before and after his Russian trip and he knew someone who impersonated Marina
3) Novel helped design the OPL and used it in Dealey Plaza
Novel's attorney is : Hugh Exnicios 3720 Clearwater Metairie LA 70002
a second round of question/answer is being arranged ... the results will be submitted when available

B. Extension of Remarks VI - X/79

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SUMMARY. Bob Cutler's 1976 identification of Gordon Novel as TUM is supported strongly by the following points: the Bothun 4 photograph of TUM compares favorably with the New Orleans mugshot of Novel; mathematical computation shows TUM's height to be 68", which matches Novel's exactly; TUM's actions in Dealey Plaza strongly indicate he is left-handed, as is Novel (Louie Witt is right-handed); Novel was 25 in 1963, and TUM in Bothun 4 and other pictures does appear to be in his mid-twenties, but Witt was in his late 30's in 1963; and most important of all, the PSE examination indicates Novel did design and use the OFL in Dealey Plaza. PSE examiner Brondum says he is sure that Novel was in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Novel has reportedly agreed to submit to further testing.

As we said in an earlier issue of GKG, Louie Witt is a liar, and Blakey, Stokes, Preyer and the HSCA were witting (pun optional) accomplices in this disgusting fraud. They had the identification of Novel as TUM, but they ignored it, or rather they rushed out and found themselves a guy willing to lie and claim to be the Umbrella Man, with a convenient and innocent "explanation". And the press predictably played along with the game, to the point where the hearing room became a carnival with the unveiling of the broken umbrella. And not one of them dared to ask this obvious question: Why keep a busted bumbershoot?

Again we want to thank these dedicated, tireless individuals. This is really their issue: R.B. Cutler, master theoretician; Jack White for photo expertise; R.E. Sprague; J. David Truby for dedication to truth in journalism; and to Gordon Novel for somehow staying alive.

TUM = 68"

Howard 2 Bond 8 detail

$5.6 : 75.5 :: 5.0 : x \qquad x = 67.4$

Overlooked in the rush is another Ted Howard assist from last summer's vacation in Dallas. The lampost he had to photograph is the last one on Elm before the Triple Underpass; the others did not have a NO STANDING sign . . . something to do with ABC's filming. His 75 9/16" measurement is subject to whatever variation can be found by comparing that sign's height with the other two seen in various photographs. It was not enough to eliminate it from becoming a check against TUM's 68" height estimated in TUM, p. 199; it had also been independently computed by Chris Scally in London before TUM went to the printer. When tentative ID of TUM was made in June of 1976 his height, gleaned from a police record, was 68", on the nose.

Figure 82's "dimensions", 5 for TUM and 5.6 for Howard's height to the sign's lower edge, are numerical values scaled on a print of Bond 8. The simple proportional exercise which yields 67.4 checks out well. Were the stance other than examining his uphill escape route the difference in posture would raise that necessary .6"

KILGALLEN BY LEE ISRAEL; NEW YORK: DELACORTE PRESS, 1979, 485 PAGES, $12.95. INCLUDES INDEX, 16 PAGES OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

As biographies go, this is a good one, and a sure-fire best-seller as well. Lee Israel, author of an earlier biography of Tallulah Bankhead and numerous magazine articles, has come up with an excellent portrait of Miss Kilgallen, who's probably best remembered for her years on the TV show, "What's My Line?", where she shared the gray screen with the likes of Bennett Cerf, Arlene Francis, Fred Allen and John Daly (who married Earl Warren's daughter). There was a lot more to Dorothy, however, than what we saw on the 2-dimensional screen image, and it's well-assembled by the author, from the early, obscure school days (it seems none of her schoolmates remember her from those days) to her first job (as a reporter for the Hearst-owned New York Evening Journal -- her father, Jim Kilgallen, was a lifelong Hearst reporter and columnist), to her later careers as a redoubtable gossip-columnist and TV personality, and her marriage to producer Richard Kollman and love affairs with singer Johnnie Ray and a well-known personality that the author will only identify as "Mr. Out-of-Towner".

But it is Miss Kilgallen's abiding interest in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy that will most interest GKG readers. Her investigations soon convinced her of a conspiracy and a coverup. It was obvious to her that U.S. government agencies were going to great pains to obfuscate the truth about the assassination, and she devoted many of her columns to the subject. Although author Israel acknowledges some doubts about the veracity of a famous story that Kilgallen managed to obtain a private interview with Jack Ruby during the Ruby trial, in the end she does accept that that interview took place, although it was only a brief 8-minute meeting. She never revealed what Ruby said to her, but she evidently took it very seriously. There was a mysterious trip to New Orleans, and she began boasting to her friends privately that she soon would "break the assassination case wide open". She never got to make good on her claim, because on November 8, 1965, she was found dead in her bed of alcohol/barbiturate poisoning, although first reports cited a heart attack. On November 9 "the lights went out up and down the eastern seaboard. Joan Crawford, under the influence of grief and spirits, stared out her window and was heard to exclaim, 'What a wonderful tribute to Dorothy!'" (p. 409). This was, of course the Great Blackout of 1965....

The epilogue is especially enlightening. For the very first time the pattern of deception and dissembling which surrounded her death are laid out in comprehensible form: the conflicting stories, the fact that police were not summoned for several hours (shades of Rockefeller), and a PSE exam of an interview with "Mr. Out-of-Towner" (conducted by George O'Toole) leads the author to conclude that Dorothy was murdered because she was getting too close to the heart of the Kennedy assassination mystery. Her interest in the case led her into an association with Mark Lane, who may well have known just what he was talking about when he remarked in 1976, "I would bet you a thousand-to-one that the CIA surrounded her as soon as she started writing those stories." Right on, Jungle Boy....

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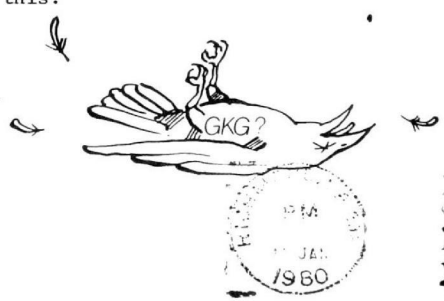
EDITORIAL PLAIN TALK

It's no secret that this newsletter and others of its ilk are having a pretty rough time of it nowadays. The problem is basically twofold: the decline of paid subscribers, and a dearth of quality material for publication. To make a go of it, this sort of newsletter needs at least a couple hundred paid subscribers, and that's a figure we've never even come close to. At present, we're well under a hundred.

The first casualty was the AIB's CLANDESTINE AMERICA, which just folded up and closed their office, saying, "there is little more the AIB can do," and they did a lot in their time. PEOPLE AND THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH comes less and less frequently these days, and when it does arrive there is little in the way of pertinent research. Penn Jones' THE CONTINUING INQUIRY is still coming out on schedule, and it's still 20 pages, but more and more we see reprints of newspaper articles where there used to be some of the most important writing and research around. And even Harry Irwin's sprightly monthly JFK ASSASSINATION FORUM, which he publishes from his abode in Belfast, hasn't had a new issue in several months, citing lack of material and financial problems.

And for goodness sake, let's not leave out yours truly, THE GRASSY KNOLL GAZETTE. We're flat broke, buddies. Unexpected printing costs and other problems left us busted after our last issue. Most of our Xmas money is going to putting out this issue, which we think is one of our best, and our most important one so far. But we're not sure what the future will bring, and we don't know where the money's coming from next time. A benefit show is in the working. And we'd like to see some "sustaining memberships", as well as gift subscriptions, if we're going to stick around. We don't expect to keep at this forever, but we do think there's a few stones left unturned! BUT, if our financial plight doesn't improve very soon, before very long we'll look like this:



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